

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMERS
WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

(Present: Seeram Sambasiva Rao IAS)

Sub:- Annual Plan 2024-25 - Scheme "Production And Distribution Of Quality Planting Materials And Improvement Of Departmental Farms - Mechanization & Infrastructure Development Of Farms" - Continuous administrative sanction accorded - Orders issued.

Read:- 1) G.O.(Rt)No.511/2022/AGRI dated 12/06/2022
2) Order no.ADFW/7776/2023-TP2 dated 02/07/2023
3) Annual Plan 2024-25

ORDER NO. ADFW/6484/2024-TP2 Dated.31-05-2024

As per the Government Order cited 1st above, Administrative Sanction was accorded for the scheme "Production And Distribution Of Quality Planting Materials And Improvement of Departmental Farms - Mechanization & Infrastructure Development of Farms" for an amount of Rs.300.00 lakh during the financial year 2022-23.

Continuous Administrative Sanction was issued for the above scheme for an amount of Rs.200.00 lakh during the financial year 2023-24 vide reference 2nd cited above.

There are 64 Govt Agricultural Farms (in all Districts except Wayanad) under the Department of Agriculture. The work entrusted with the Departmental farms is the production and distribution of good quality planting materials in required quantity to the farmers of the state. Timely availability of these primary inputs for agriculture is very essential for maintaining food security of the State. Establishment of progeny orchards for producing grafts, layers and seedlings, production of Paddy and vegetable seeds, production of planting materials of horticultural crops, etc are the primary activities of these farms.

The shortage of labour and critical time limit for each season bound activity /farm operation are limiting factors affecting the functioning of the farm, and hence, thrust is given to mechanization.

Maintenance of existing infrastructure like office buildings, sales counters, store rooms, plant protection structures for protected cultivation, rest room for labourers, primary facilities for staff and labourers, etc., and need based construction of new infrastructure facilities are essential to develop the farms.

Mechanization and infrastructure development work in Departmental farms are continuing activities, and an amount of Rs.150.00 lakh is earmarked under Head of Account 4401-00-104-98 Plan for this purpose in the Annual Plan 2024-25.

Under the above circumstances, continuous Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded for the implementation of the scheme "Production And Distribution Of Quality Planting Materials And Improvement Of Departmental Farms - Mechanization & Infrastructure Development Of Farms" for an amount of Rs.150.00 lakh debiting the expenditure to the Head of Account 4401-00-104-98 Plan from current year's budget provision.

The scheme shall be implemented adhering to the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Order read 1st above.

The work to be executed in farms, and machinery to be purchased will be identified by Farm Heads and their proposals with rough cost estimates will be scrutinized and sanctioned by the District Level Technical committee, after which, these proposals will be submitted to the Executive Engineer (Agri) for further technical scrutiny and actual execution.

Separate sanctions should be obtained from the Director of Agriculture for all continuing activities that will be implemented as part of the scheme.

Monthly progress report should invariably contain details of physical and financial targets and achievements, and the stage of implementation of each activity.

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